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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

a2 Still referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the device 20 further comprises a substantially planar patch 44 interposed between the applicator substrate 32 and release substrate 24. The patch 44 comprises a first surface 56 and a second surface 60. The adhesive area 40 partially underlies and releasably adheres the patch 44 to the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32. The adhesive area 40 also releasably adheres the release substrate 24. The first surface 56 of the patch 44 is releasably affixed to the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32 by the adhesive means (having an adhesive area 40), thereby comprising a first peel bond, and thereby forming an applicator substrate/patch combination 95 (hereinafter "combination"). As used herein, "peel bond" means a bond formed between two surfaces adhered to each other as measured by a bond force. As used herein, "bond force," means the amount of force necessary to separate the two surfaces from each other thereby measuring the strength of the bond. Thus, if the strength of a first peel bond is greater than the strength of a second peel bond, a greater bond force is necessary to separate the surfaces comprising the first bond as compared to the surfaces comprising the second peel bond.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a3 Referring to FIGS. 1 and 2, the device 20 includes a release substrate 24 comprising a graspable tab 28 extending outwardly therefrom. The release substrate 24 comprises an interior surface 68 that is releasably affixed to the upper surface of the combination 95 thereby comprising a second peel bond. The adhesive means of the second surface 60 the patch 44, or the adhesive means of the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32, or a combination thereof, releasably adheres the release substrate 24 to the combination 95. Preferably when the release substrate 24 is releasably affixed to the combination 95, the interposed patch 44 is enclosed between the applicator substrate 32 and the release substrate 24 thereby comprising a closed container for the patch 44.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 6, line 16 with the following rewritten paragraphs:

a4 The leading edge contact area 41 tacks the leading edge of the patch 46 to the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32 when the release substrate 24 is removed from the

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combination 95. Thus, the leading edge of the patch 46 is the part of the circumferential edge 45 of the patch 44 that is tacked by the adhesive contact area, and that is first exposed as a user removes the release substrate 24 from the combination. The leading edge 46 need not be continuous with the leading edge contact area 41 (as shown in the first embodiment of the present invention). Preferably the leading edge 46 comprises about 1% to about 45%, more preferably about 10% to about 30% of the total circumferential lateral edge 45 of the patch 44.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 25 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Similarly, the trailing edge contact area 42 tacks the trailing edge 47 to the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32 when the release substrate 24 is removed from the combination 95. The trailing edge 47 need not be continuous with the trailing edge contact area 42 (as shown in the first embodiment of the present invention). Preferably the trailing edge 47 comprises preferably about 1% to about 50%, more preferably about 10% to about 35% of the total circumferential lateral edge 45 of the patch 44. In the first embodiment of the invention, the leading edge 46 of the patch is diagonal to the trailing

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph

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By tacking the leading edge 46 and the trailing edge 47, the adhesive contact area facilitates a patch 44 being applied to a target surface without the patch 44 curling upon itself and without the user unnecessarily touching the patch 44. Preferably the leading edge contact area 41 comprises an area of .1 cm² to 4000 cm², more preferably .4 cm² to 2 cm². Preferably the trailing edge contact area 42 comprises an area of .1 cm² to 4500 cm², more preferably .4 cm² to 2.5 cm².

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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To this end, the present invention provides increased bond strength ratios between the three bonds thereby enhancing the performance of the device; providing a greater range of operable adhesive types; providing a greater range of operable patch sizes; providing greater tolerance to design modifications; and requiring less overall adhesive to be utilized. In turn, utilizing less adhesive provides for savings in manufacturing costs, diminishing the amount of active that is able to diffuse from the patch 44 to the adhesive of the interior surface 49 of the applicator substrate 32, and diminishing the amount of Pextractables from the adhesive of the interior surface 49 to the patch 44.